



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers Citizen Representative; Vicki Brown, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

**Committee Members Absent:** Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative.

**Staff Present:** Tera O'Connor, Practice & Service Improvement Coordinator; Tim Zuehlke, Controller, Greg Winkler, Behavioral Health (BH) Division Manager; Ramone Brown, Youth and Family Development Services worker; Lance Horozewski, Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division Manager; Jenna Singer, Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program Manager; Mary Ann Pounds, CCS Peer Specialist; Jamie Dix, I&A Specialist; Beth Austin I&A Specialist; and Ann Howell, I&A Specialist.

**Others Present:** Bill McCarty, League of Women Voters.

**Approval of Agenda:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of May 9, 2018:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** Ms. O'Connor advised that yesterday Rock County was invited by Governor Walker and first lady Tonette Walker to be part of a Trauma Informed Care (TIC) roundtable discussion with Walworth County and the Children's Hospital. We discussed some of our changes in our court systems, our TIC trainings, and our structure. They acknowledged the work Rock County is doing with Fostering Futures and invited us to a Governor's luncheon. The Janesville Gazette reported on an article regarding the roundtable which Supervisor Brown provided.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** None.

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved four contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Mr. Zuehlke provided information about each of the contracts and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

**Set Public Hearing Date:** Chair Knudson advised last year there were lengthy discussions to move the Public Hearing up on the calendar so there could be input earlier in the budget process. Chair Knudson suggested July 11, 2018. There was discussion about the process and moving the date. Supervisor Schulz requested the list of everyone who is notified. Ms. Parson will send the list to all

HSD Board members. Supervisor Thomas moved setting the Public Hearing date to July 11, 2018 to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. The motion was unanimously approved. Approved.

**May HSD Employee Impact Award Recognition:** Ms. O'Connor introduced Ramone Brown the recipient of the May HSD Employee Impact Award. Mr. Brown works in the Diversion and Family Skills Unit and was nominated by his Supervisor. Mr. Brown is a dedicated Diversion Team Leader and is able to build relationships with youth who have complex needs. Most recently he worked with a young man who was placed at the Youth Services Center (YSC) who was transitioning to another state. Mr. Brown's connection with this youth improved the youth's behavior and helped with a smoother transition. Ms. O'Connor thanked Mr. Brown for his hard work building relationships, and for his skills and abilities to work with some of our most complex youth.

Mr. Brown has been very helpful with YSC staff and has helped staff as he is able to calm down and connect with youth. Chair Knudson thanked Mr. Brown for his dedication. Mr. Brown advised he enjoys what he does and works to build rapport. Mr. Brown worked at the YSC before moving to the Diversion unit. Mr. Brown spoke about a youth he is currently working with. He is only required to meet with him once a week but he felt this youth needed to meet twice a week, and he is rewarding him with incentives. This is helping the youth and he is doing better and back on track.

**Resolution to Recognize May 2018 as Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Month:** Supervisor Thomas moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Brown. Ms. Thompson explained Governor Walker started the process when ADRCs were created that May would be recognized as ADRC month. The Rock County ADRC is planning an Independence Day event on July 10, 2018. The event will celebrate people keeping their independence to stay in their homes. We will bring in speakers for the event and explain what we can do to help people stay independent. We will be publicizing the event and more details will be given to the HSD Board members before the event. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

**Resolution to Recognize Beth Austin:** Supervisor Thomas moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Ms. Thompson introduced Beth Austin. Ms. Austin has served the citizens of Rock County for over thirty-eight years as a dedicated and valued employee of the Rock County HSD. Ms. Austin began her career in 1980 as an Income Maintenance worker in the Economic Support (ES) Division, then she transitioned into the Community Work Experience Program. She then returned to assisting individuals specifically Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD) adults in obtaining Medical Assistance and "food share." In 1995, Ms. Austin began working in the Long Term Care unit as an Economic Support Specialist (ESS), and in 2013 began working in the ADRC. Ms. Austin brought so much knowledge from ES to the ADRC. She shared her wisdom with fellow co-workers and was always willing to review a case and provide her input. Her time and talent will be missed. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

**Report on Peer Specialists:** Ms. Singer, the CCS Program Manager, introduced Mary Ann Pounds, who is the CCS Peer Specialist. Ms. Singer advised Ms. Cottingham advocated for a Peer Specialist position and it was created through the budget as a .4 position. Ms. Pounds joined us and has done a great job, and is certified. She has helped with consumer satisfaction surveys and helped with DBT groups. Ms. Pounds spoke about her position. She assists with transportation for clients to go to appointments, to get groceries and whatever else might be requested. She is working with peers wanting to improve their health by walking. She explained a lot of what she does varies depending on the need of the peer. Ms. Singer advised we have two full-time positions available in the budget now and Ms. Pounds is now full-time. Ms. Pounds responded to questions. Chair Knudson and Supervisor Thomas thanked her for all the work she is doing.

#### **Director's Report:**

- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. O'Connor asked Mr. Horozewski the CYF Division Manager to provide the updates. Mr. Horozewski advised the State has accepted the application for Derrick's House and has been corresponding with Derrick's House. We anticipate the State will do an initial walk through in a couple weeks. There may be some questions

and/changes needed which we will complete. Most likely they will then have one more final walk through. Once we have the final walk through, we can identify a start date.

- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Mr. Horozewski advised we are waiting to see the Secure Residential Care Center (SRCC) application and the rules. The members of the Study Committee were going to be chosen last week, but have not been chosen yet.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.,** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Fell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:12 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Secretary

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